



LEGISLATURE

MINUTES

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES INTERIM COMMITTEE

Wednesday, May 15, 2019 | 8:30 a.m. | 30 House Building

Members Present:

Sen. Allen M. Christensen, Chair
Rep. Brad M. Daw, Chair
Sen. David G. Buxton
Sen. Luz Escamilla
Sen. Evan J. Vickers
Rep. Stewart E. Barlow
Rep. Jennifer Dailey-Provost
Rep. Steve Eliason
Rep. Sandra Hollins
Rep. Karianne Lisonbee
Rep. Kelly B. Miles
Rep. Rex P. Shipp

Rep. Norman K. Thurston
Rep. Raymond P. Ward

Members Absent:

Rep. Brian S. King
Rep. Paul Ray
Rep. Robert M. Spendlove

Staff Present:

Mr. Mark D. Andrews, Policy Analyst
Ms. Karin M. Rueff, Policy Analyst
Mr. Daniel M. Cheung, Associate General Counsel
Ms. Ericka A. Evans, Associate General Counsel
Ms. Andrea Crabb, Administrative Assistant

Note: A copy of related materials and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.le.utah.gov.

Chair Daw called the meeting to order at 8:39 a.m.

1. Committee Business

MOTION: Rep. Miles moved to approve the November 26, 2018, meeting minutes. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 8.

Yeas-9

Rep. S. Barlow
Sen. D. Buxton
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Rep. B. Daw
Rep. S. Hollins
Rep. K. Miles
Rep. R. Shipp
Rep. N. Thurston
Rep. R. Ward

Nays-0

Absent-8

Sen. A. Christensen
Rep. S. Eliason
Sen. L. Escamilla
Rep. B. King
Rep. K. Lisonbee
Rep. P. Ray
Rep. R. Spendlove
Sen. E. Vickers

[1.2 Approved Studies \(Source: Legislative Management Committee\)](#)

[1.3 HHS issues addressed during the 2019 General Session \(Source: OLRGC\)](#)

Chair Daw discussed issues addressed during the 2019 General Session and the study items for the interim.

MOTION: Rep. Hollins moved to adopt the interim study items. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 6.

Yeas-11

Rep. S. Barlow
Sen. D. Buxton
Sen. A. Christensen
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Rep. B. Daw
Rep. S. Eliason
Rep. S. Hollins
Rep. K. Miles
Rep. R. Shipp
Rep. N. Thurston
Rep. R. Ward

Nays-0Absent-6

Sen. L. Escamilla
Rep. B. King
Rep. K. Lisonbee
Rep. P. Ray
Rep. R. Spendlove
Sen. E. Vickers

MOTION:

Rep. Miles moved to authorize the chairs to open bill files. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 6.

Yeas-11

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Rep. B. Daw
Rep. S. Eliason
Rep. S. Hollins
Rep. K. Miles
Rep. R. Shipp
Rep. N. Thurston
Rep. R. Ward

Nays-0Absent-6

Sen. L. Escamilla
Rep. B. King
Rep. K. Lisonbee
Rep. P. Ray
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[1.5 OPMA – A Summary of Key Provisions for Legislators \(Source: OLRGC\)](#)

Mr. Daniel Cheung, Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel, summarized the Open and Public Meetings Act.

2 . Christensen et al. v. Miner et al - Update on Settlement Agreement & Action Plan[2.1 Christensen et al. v. Miner et al. – Summary of Settlement Agreement \(Source: OLRGC\)](#)[2.2 2019 H.J.R. 28, "Joint Resolution Regarding Approval of Settlement Agreement"](#)[2.3 DSPD Settlement Agreement and Action Plan \(Source: Division of Services for People With Disabilities\)](#)[2.4 Christensen v. Miner Settlement Appropriation \(Source: Division of Services for People With Disabilities\)](#)

Dr. Joseph K. Miner, Executive Director, Utah Department of Health, addressed the approved settlement agreement.

Ms. Ann Silverberg Williamson, Executive Director, Utah Department of Human Services, stated the negotiations were not forced and were made with respect.

Mr. Nate Checketts, Deputy Director, Utah Department of Health, explained the provisions of the settlement agreement and answered questions from the committee.

Ms. Angie Pinna, Director, Division of Services for People With Disabilities, explained the provisions of the settlement agreement and answered questions from the committee.

3 . Medicaid - Oversight of Eligibility Expansion

[3.1 Utah's Medicaid Expansion: Implementation Toolkit \(includes "At a Glance" summary of S.B. 96 waiver requirements and FAQs\) \(Source: Utah Department of Health\)](#)

[3.2 Federal approval letter for 04/01/19 Medicaid expansion \(Source: Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services\)](#)

Mr. Nate Checketts explained the Medicaid expansion and the provisions of the expansion.

4 . Medical Cannabis - Implementation of Recent Amendments

[2018 H.B. 3001, Utah Medical Cannabis Act \(Hughes\)](#)

[2019 S.B. 105, Hemp and Cannabinoid Act Amendments \(Vickers\)](#)

[2019 S.B. 161, Medical Cannabis Act Amendments \(Escamilla\)](#)

[2019 S.C.R. 7, Concurrent Resolution Urging Legal Medical Cannabis Banking \(Anderegg\)](#)

[4.1 2018 H.B. 3001 summary \(graphic\) \(Source: OLRGC\)](#)

[4.2 2018 H.B. 3001 summary \(text\) \(Source: OLRGC\)](#)

[4.3 Fact Sheet \(Source: Utah Department of Health\)](#)

[4.4 FAQs \(Source: Utah Department of Health\)](#)

Ms. Deborah Blackburn, Regulatory and Compliance Officer, Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing, addressed the licenses issued to those authorized to provide cannabis.

[4.5 Utah Medical Cannabis Program Act: Program Update \(Source: Utah Department of Agriculture and Food\)](#)

Mr. Andrew Rigby, Utah Department of Agriculture and Food, provided an update on the impact of the Utah Medical Cannabis Act and how the department is meeting deadlines.

MOTION: Rep. Thurston moved to open a committee bill file to address potential law changes needed by the Department of Agriculture and Food. The motion passed with a vote of 14 - 0 - 3.

Yeas-14

Rep. S. Barlow
Sen. D. Buxton
Sen. A. Christensen
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Rep. B. Daw
Rep. S. Eliason
Sen. L. Escamilla
Rep. S. Hollins
Rep. K. Lisonbee
Rep. K. Miles
Rep. R. Shipp
Rep. N. Thurston
Sen. E. Vickers
Rep. R. Ward

Nays-0

Absent-3

Rep. B. King
Rep. P. Ray
Rep. R. Spendlove

[4.6 Utah Medical Cannabis Act: Implementation Update \(Source: Utah Department of Health\)](#)

Dr. Marc Babitz, MD, Deputy Director, Utah Department of Health, addressed the implementation update for the Utah Medical Cannabis Act by the Utah Department of Health.

Mr. Rich Oborn, Director, Center for Medical Cannabis, provided information on the purpose of the Center for Medical Cannabis and information on the Compassionate Use Board and answered questions from the committee.

Ms. Christine Stenquist, TRUCE, asked if the recommended physicians have continuing education credit hours in studying medical cannabis.

Dr. Ed Redd, Chair, Utah Cannabinoid Product Board, provided information on the board and it's role.

[4.7 Treatment of Chronic Pain With CBD and THC \(Source: Yurgelun-Todd, Renshaw\)](#)

Dr. Deborah Yurgelun-Todd, Professor of Psychiatry, provided an update on the previously funded study to look at the effect of marijuana on pain.

Dr. Perry Renshaw, Professor of Psychiatry, provided additional information on the project.

Mr. Connor Boyack, President, Libertas Institute, and advisor to the Utah Patients Coalition, stated the Utah Patients Coalition had an opportunity to provide the Utah Department Health with input as to who ended up on the Compassionate Use Board.

MOTION: Rep. Thurston moved to open a committee bill file to study the impact of pharmacy transparency pricing to lower costs. The motion passed with a vote of 14 - 0 - 3.

Yeas-14

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Rep. R. Ward

Nays-0

Absent-3

Rep. B. King
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5 . Adjourn

MOTION: Sen. Christensen moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 14 - 0 - 3.



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Rep. N. Thurston
Sen. E. Vickers
Rep. R. Ward

Nays-0

Absent-3

Rep. B. King
Rep. P. Ray
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Chair Daw adjourned the meeting at 11:06 a.m.